

Sangphal Pools

There are eight pools above the Kuryong Falls in Outer Kumgang in Kumgang, a world-renowned mountain.

They are called so as they are above the Kuryong Falls and so as to distinguish them from the Phal Pools in the Manphok Valley in Inner Kumgang.

As the pools go well with scenery of the valley and mountain and the water in the mysteriously-shaped pools is crystal clear, they look quite unique.

On an immaculate rock water is contained in the eight water-worn holes lying one after another. Crystal-clear water flows through these pools, forming slanting falls and cascades.

Both slopes in the valley where there are the pools are formed by 100m-high stiff cliffs, and here pines, Korean pines and maples grow on the rock crevices. Looking as if hanging in the air, these trees change their colours by season and blend well with the surrounding pools and cliffs, presenting a mysterious scene.

Streams meandering along the northeastern slope of Piro Peak and the northern slope of Chaeha Peak flow silently through the eight pools, and at the last pool pass through a narrow descending hole and falls over a dizzy cliff, presenting a grand and splendid waterfall.

According to a legendary tale, eight fairies used to descend from heaven and have a bath in these pools.